

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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- Page 1, line 18, please delete "_____" and substitute --09/045,036--.
Page 1, line 20, please delete " (Attorney Docket No. WD2-97-558)".
Page 1, line 21, please delete "_____" and substitute --09/045,518--.
Page 1, line 22, please delete " (Attorney Docket No.".
Page 1, line 23, please delete "WD2-97-561)".
Page 1, line 23, please delete "_____" and substitute --09/045,084--.
Page 1, line 25, please delete " (Attorney Docket No. WD2-97-564)".
Page 1, line 26, please delete "_____" and substitute --09/045,347--.
Page 1, line 27, please delete " (Attorney".
Page 1, line 28, please delete "Docket No. WD2-97-558)".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows

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1. (AMENDED) A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:
measuring an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and
providing [performing] a product offer [supplementary process] in accordance with the activity rate.
 2. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which the step of providing [performing] a product offer [supplementary process] comprises:
disabling a system for providing a product offer [supplementary process] if the activity rate is greater than a predetermined threshold.
 3. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which the step of providing [performing] a product offer [supplementary process] comprises:
enabling a system for providing a product offer [supplementary process] if the activity rate is less than a predetermined threshold.
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5. (AMENDED) An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:
a storage device; and
a processor connected to the storage device,
the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and